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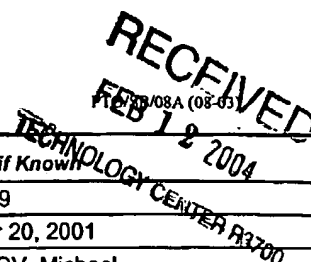
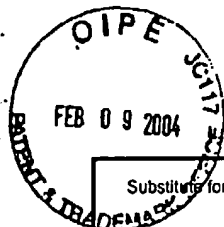
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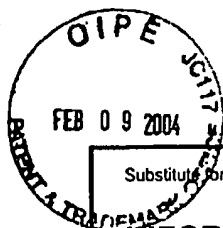
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	BW	5,387,235	2/95	Chuter	
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	BY	5,405,379	4/95	Lane	
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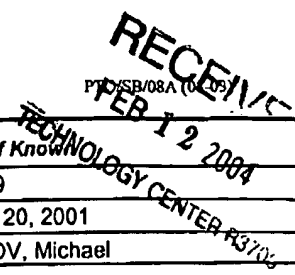
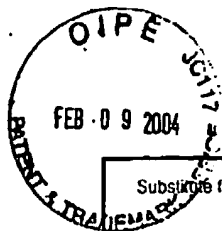
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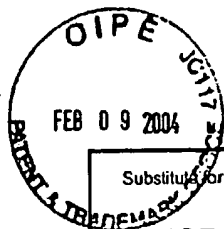
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	EN	5,785,679	7/28/98	Abolfathi et al.	
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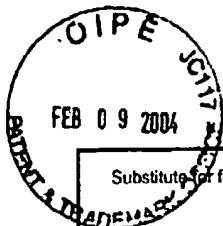
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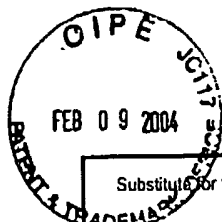
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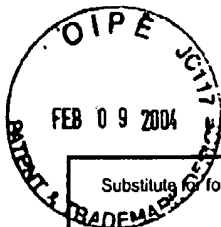
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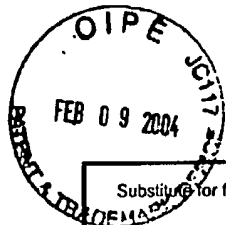
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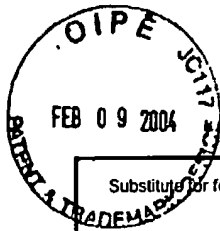
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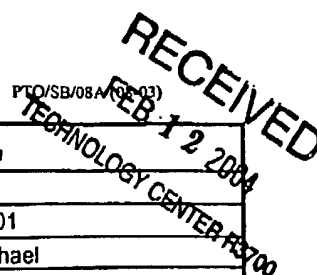
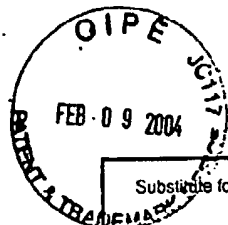
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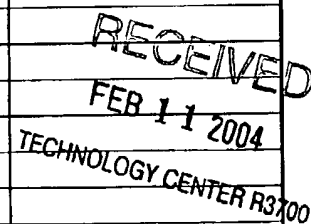
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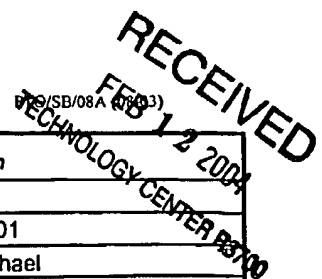
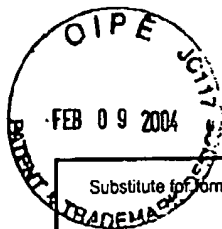
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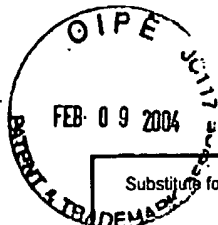
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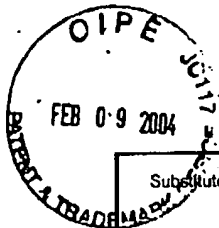
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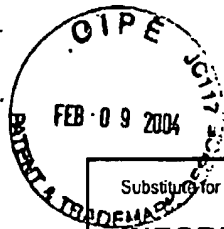
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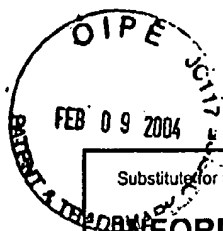
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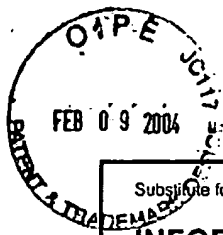
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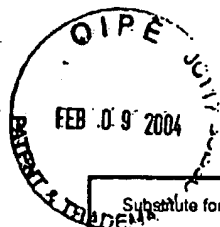
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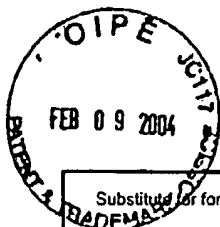
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